

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 648

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. Kenneth C. Hill as a director of the Tennessee regulatory authority.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101, creates the Tennessee regulatory authority (TRA); and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101, provides that one (1) director of the Tennessee regulatory authority shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey, Speaker of the Senate, has appointed Dr. Kenneth C. Hill of Blountville to serve as a director of the Tennessee regulatory authority for a six-year term that will commence on July 1, 2014 and expire on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hill has been a director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority since 2009, having been appointed to serve the remainder of an unexpired term by Lt. Governor Ramsey; and

WHEREAS, since his appointment, Dr. Hill has served as Chairman of the Tennessee regulatory authority and is presently active with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC); he is a member of the NARUC Committee on Water, the NARUC Committee on International Relations, and the NARUC Sub-Committee on Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), a member of the ICER Working Group for Small Energy Consumers, and is serving as a Mentor in the ICER Women In Energy pilot Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hill has been a presenter at the NARUC and SEARUC Annual Meetings and has also has been a presenter and participant at the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) Water Summit, the NAWC Commissioners' Forum, and the Emerging Issues Policy Forum (EIPF) (Energy) multiple times; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the TRA, he has served as a member of the Tennessee State Information Systems Council, the Board of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI), and the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council (EISPC), a delegate to the 5th World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFERV), and a Tennessee Team Member of the National Governors' Association Policy Academy on Enhancing Industry through Energy Efficiency and Combined Heat and Power; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hill has been active in communications and broadcasting all of his adult life, having been involved for over four decades in virtually every aspect of radio; for the past thirty-three years, he has been President and CEO of non-profit Appalachian Educational Communication Corporation in Bristol, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hill earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Speech (Broadcasting) and History from East Tennessee State University; a Master of Science degree in Speech (Broadcasting) from Indiana State University; a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Baptist Christian College; a Master of Religious Education degree from Manahath School of Theology; and a Doctor of Religious Education degree from Andersonville Baptist Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101, provides that each appointment to the Tennessee regulatory authority shall be confirmed by joint resolution adopted by each house of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. Kenneth C. Hill of Blountville to

serve as a director of the Tennessee regulatory authority for a term that will commence on July 1, 2014 and expire on June 30, 2020.